



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Jan. 13	AMGC Regular Meeting
Jan. 17	Gardening 101-BCMG
Feb. 20-21	Landscape Design Course 4
Mar. 8	District V Spring Meeting, Killeen
Mar. 22-24	TGC State Convention, Grapevine, TX

January 13 Meeting: Ann Wheeler, herbalist, presents "Herbs and Their Use in Cooking". Hostesses are Pat Haberstroh, Lenora Patranella, Ellen Pullen.

- **Horticulture Tip of the Month:** Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening before the fireplace will pay off in improved plant selection. Besides, it is fun to page through the garden catalogs and books while contemplating changes in your garden.
- **Design Tip of the Month:** January is a great time to collect dried materials to use in your designs for home or shows. Branches, seed pods, pine cones, sweet gum balls, grasses, and other dried naturals add texture and interest. They may also be painted to add color.

On Line Sites for Gardening Catalogs: <http://www.top20sites.com/Top-Plant-Catalogues-Sites> Worth visiting as several good catalogs are listed. You can view the catalogs on-line without requesting a mailed one.

December Meeting: A festive holiday social and gift exchange was held at Hillary Jessup's home on December 9. Members brought various tasty goodies and Hillary provided coffee and hot apple cider. Margaret Ann White manned the sign-in list and nametags. Judy Schafer, Jane Cohen, and Hillary helped organize the gift exchange. Some "stealing" occurred as always and many great plants and other items were brought to the exchange. Geneva Eubanks did a mini-program on basil. Geneva, MaryAnn Manson, Hillary, and Jane discussed the making of traditional style historic wreaths. 4 wreath forms were given away to club members. Thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to Hillary for hosting!!!



Birthdays: Sarah Barrick 1/8, Judy Schafer 1/11, Eugenia Williams 1/14, Margaret Ann White 1/15, Mary Ann Taylor 1/25.

SCRAP BOOK ITEMS

Do you have an item to go in the scrap book?
Bring it to the monthly meeting.

Please be kind, turn it in on time!
It's hard for the ladies to go back and insert late items after the pages have been designed.

WAYS & MEANS TABLE

Don't forget to bring your plants and/or gardening items for the Ways and Means Table.

Please price the items before you bring them to the meeting.

Nominating Committee Report: Sandra Williams presented the following slate of officers for January election for 2012-2013:

President: - Kay Hamn
First VP Programs - Hillary Jessup
Second VP Year Book - Sarah Barrick
Third VP Flower Show (Projects) - Geneva Eubanks
Fourth VP hostess chair - Rose Smith
Recording Secretary - Jane Cohen
Corresponding Secretary - Sandra Williams
Treasurer - Kelly Kimple
Reporter - Judy Schafer
Historian - Sarah Barrick

Members who attend the January meeting will be voting on the above slate. Associate members are not eligible to vote. *Note that 3rd VP in the By-Laws is listed as Flower Show VP, but there has been interest in having this position as Projects VP. This necessitates a By-Laws change. Hillary will be asking for members to serve on a By-Laws Committee to address this and any other needed changes.

Eagle Award Margaret Ann White

Margaret Ann White was selected as the 2011 A&M Garden Club Member Award of Honor. This National Garden Club recognition recognizes Margaret Ann's interest in youth activities and her all around excellence in Garden Club programs and services. Margaret Ann's excellence covers decades. Margaret Ann White (Mrs. A. Wayne White) is first listed on the A&M Garden Club rolls as a member in 1982-83. She has served on many committees, in many offices, and twice served 2 year terms as A&M GC President in 1989-91 and in 1997-99. Margaret Ann especially promoted youth activities.



A&M Garden Club New Judges: The club has two new NGC flower show judges, Suzanne Milstead and Heather White. They wish to thank the club for their support during the last two flower shows which enabled them to receive judging and exhibiting credits. They especially would like to thank Idalia Aguilar and Judy Schafer, master judges, who provided guidance and encouragement.

*****Hillary requests suggestions for 2012-2013 programs and pilgrimages at the January meeting.**

